

**Please replace the present Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended
Abstract of the Disclosure:**

A path searcher of a spread spectrum receiver includes a number of correlators each of which produces a replica of a scrambled synchronization code and determines a correlation between the replica and a received spread spectrum signal. Each of the correlators performs a correlation operation between the received spread spectrum signal and the replica at a rate higher than a chip rate of the spread spectrum signal by successively shifting the replica with respect to the spread spectrum signal.